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FINANCE
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MEETING ON ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH EUROPEAN UNION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the bilateral economic issues discussed with the European Union functionary recently; and

(b) the assistance expected out of such meetings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Mr. Christopher F. Patten, European Commissioner forExternal Affairs had visited India in the last week of January, 2001. During his meeting with the Finance Minister the Commissioner expressed sympathy for the victims of the Gujarat earthquake. Issues relating to Bilateral Development Cooperation, Investments and WTO also came up for discussion.

(b) No commitments for any financial assistance were made by the Commissioner.